(i) Coastal Shipping Development Fund for soft lending for the purpose of acquisition of coastal vessels.

(ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for development of coastal shipping infrastructure. The budgetary support required in Eleventh Five Year Plan for above two schemes was Rs. 500 crore each. But since no fund could be allotted for the purpose in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the development of non-major ports may be taken up by the respective states themselves with pubic private participation.

Vessel Traffic Monitoring System

1942. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:
SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project for setting up of Vessel Traffic Monitoring System (VTMS) in the Gulf of Kutchh has been completed;

(b) if so, whether the exercise for regulating the shipping traffic has been started;

(c) if not, the reasons for delay; and

(d) by when the project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The delay is due to the remoteness of sites and slow progress of civil engineering works.

(d) The re-scheduled date for completion of the project is 31.3.2010.

Captive cargo handling at major ports

1943. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allowed private parties to set up captive cargo handling berths at twelve existing major ports in the country;

(b) whether policy allowing captive berthing locations is being finalized by Ministry of Transport;

(c) whether it will help private investment in port sector;

(d) if so, whether UK companies have offered know-how for port development; and

(e) whether his Ministry has agreed to give financial powers up to Rs. 500 crores to Port Trust so that this move may help to speed up smaller projects to enhance capacity?